

“To instill a sense of individual responsibility to the Community, State and Nation”

What is Buckeye Girls State?

Ever wanted to see what it's like to be a governor, a mayor, or a coroner? Well, for the approximately 25,000 girls participating in the Girls State programs nationwide these are only a few of the opportunities they'll be offered. As a vital part of the American Legion Auxiliary's Americanism program, Girls State touches the lives of thousands of high school girls each summer and has earned us many accolades for molding young women into America's leaders of tomorrow.

Buckeye Girls State is designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, Delegates learn more about City, County and State Government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school.

The girls selected for this honor are called Delegates and are assigned to one of two political parties – Federalist or Nationalist. As an active member of their party, they learn political party structure and have a definite function in the government system. The Ohio American Legion Auxiliary has been a proud sponsor of Buckeye Girls State for the past sixty-seven years. The program has been honored by such organizations as Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Who Should Attend

Auxiliary Units/Posts are required to interview all candidates. They are looking for young women who are interested in government. Since this is an intense week of accelerated learning only young women who are interested in government truly appreciate the opportunity Girls State provides for them to actively participate in mock government activities. They can run for city, county and state office, work with officials from each area of government and gain first-hand knowledge of the political process.

Benefits of Attending

Through hands-on experience Delegates have the opportunity to not only learn the mechanics of local and state government; they learn citizenship, patriotism and the love of God and Country; they gain self-confidence, poise and character.

Girls State is a nationally recognized program. Past participants have included Former Texas Governor Ann Richards, newscaster Jane Pauley, U.S. Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, Former Miss USA Terri Utley, Country music performer Janie Fricke, and Brigadier General Sharla Cook. Past speakers include Ohio's Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and State Treasurer, Judges and representatives from their offices and those of city and county government.

Attendance provides many Delegates with the opportunity to apply and be recommended for awards, honors and scholarships.

“Promoting service to God and Country”

When and Where

Buckeye Girls State is currently held on the campus of University of Mount Union, Alliance, Ohio. The 2015 session begins at 1:00 PM on June 14 and ends after 12:15 PM on June 20.

Cost

The sponsoring or co-contributing organization pays the cost of the entire session. The fee is around \$250 and includes housing, food and government activities but not transportation.

Sponsorship

Girls State Delegates are sponsored through local American Legion Auxiliary Units and Posts of The American Legion. Other interested organizations in the community may also contribute to sponsor a Delegate selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit or American Legion Post. If interested, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary.

On-Line Orientation

Orientation is an important part of Buckeye Girls State because it explains what attendees can expect, outlines the rules and regulations and provides a forum to answer questions. That's why it is mandatory that all Delegates and Alternates (replacing the original Delegate) successfully complete the On-Line Orientation.

For more information contact:

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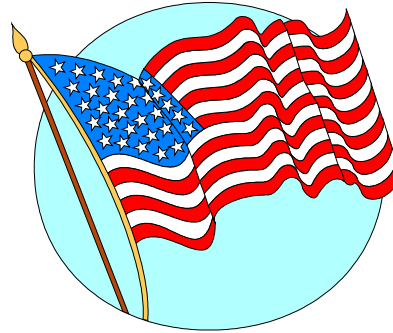
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The longevity of the program lies in the fact that it has given a unique opportunity for our nation's young women to experience government, to assume leadership roles, and to interact with their peers in a positive learning environment.



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